



SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Blue Ridge High

Greenville

Grades: 9-12

Enrollment: 1,184

Principal: Reena Watson

Superintendent: Dr. Phinnize J. Fisher

Board Chair: Dr. Keith Ray

PERFORMANCE

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YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD/SILVER AWARD	AYP STATUS	NCLB IMPROVEMENT STATUS
2008	Average	Below Average	TBD	Not Met	N/A
2007	Good	Average	N/A	Not Met	N/A
2006	Good	At-Risk	Gold	Not Met	N/A

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF HIGH SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
7	5	6	0	0

* Ratings are calculated with data available by 02/17/2009. Schools with Students like Ours are High Schools with poverty indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this school.

HIGH SCHOOL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM(HSAP) EXAM PASSAGE RATE(%): SECOND YEAR STUDENTS

	Our High School		High Schools with Students Like Ours	
	2007	2008	2007	2008
Passed 2 subtests (%)	78.6%	84.1%	83.6%	86.8%
Passed 1 subtest (%)	12.2%	6.3%	10.3%	7.6%
Passed no subtests (%)	9.2%	9.5%	6.9%	6.4%

HSAP PASSAGE RATE (%) BY SPRING 2008

	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
	93.2%	95.7%

ON-TIME GRADUATION RATE

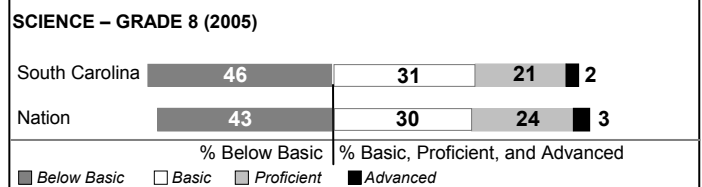
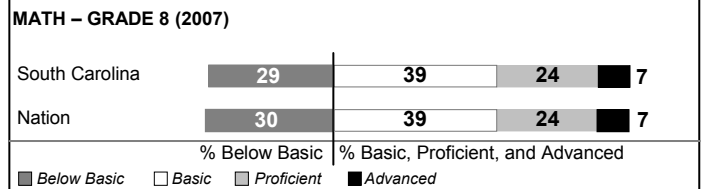
	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Number of students	284	371
Number of Diplomas	198	292
Rate (%)	69.7%	79.6%

END OF COURSE TESTS - 2008

% of students scoring 70 or above on:	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Algebra 1/Math for the Technologies 2	80.5%	78.5%
English 1	61.9%	74.1%
Physical Science	49.6%	64.9%
All Tests	61.9%	72.0%

NAEP PERFORMANCE*

* Performance reported for SC and nation, data not available at school level. Percentages at NAEP Achievement Levels.



SC PERFORMANCE GOAL

2010 Goal:

By 2010, SC's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the fastest improving systems in the country.

2020 Goal: TBD

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SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	High Schools with Students Like Ours	Median High School
Students (n=1,184)				
Retention rate	7.4%	Down from 7.7%	5.7%	6.1%
Attendance rate	96.3%	Up from 95.1%	95.7%	95.0%
Eligible for gifted and talented	27.9%	Down from 28.7%	16.0%	8.3%
With disabilities other than speech	13.2%	Up from 12.1%	10.1%	13.0%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent &/or criminal offenses	0.3%	Down from 1.9%	3.2%	1.5%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	21.0%	Up from 17.1%	23.5%	11.4%
Successful on AP/IB exams	42.9%	N/A	63.1%	54.3%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	35.5%	Down from 54.3%	35.5%	30.5%
Annual dropout rate	4.9%	Down from 6.4%	2.8%	3.5%
Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	3.7%	Up from 3.2%	5.8%	3.1%
Enrollment in career/technology courses	693	Up from 513	810	559
Career/technology students attaining technical skills	79.5%	Up from 72.1%	82.4%	79.6%
Teachers (n=69)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	63.8%	Down from 74.6%	62.6%	57.4%
Continuing contract teachers	81.2%	Down from 92.3%	72.0%	69.6%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	1.7%	Up from 0.0%	5.4%	8.7%
Teachers returning from previous year	90.1%	Down from 90.4%	85.3%	85.0%
Teacher attendance rate	96.9%	Up from 96.4%	95.4%	95.4%
Average teacher salary	\$46,961	Up 0.9%	\$47,479	\$46,061
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	2.1%	Up from 1.4%	1.6%	4.3%
School				
Principal's years at school	2.0	Up from 1.0	3.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	27.2 to 1	Down from 29.6 to 1	27.7 to 1	25.4 to 1
Prime instructional time	92.8%	Up from 90.6%	89.3%	89.1%
Dollars spent per pupil*	\$5,958	Up 1.7%	\$6,752	\$7,279
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries*	58.0%	Up from 55.8%	57.3%	55.3%
Percent of expenditures for instruction*	61.5%	Down from 62.8%	62.1%	60.8%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Character development program	Below Average	No Change	Good	Good
Modern Language Program Assessment	N/A	N/A	Good	Good
Classical Language Program Assessment	N/A	N/A	Average	Average
% of AYP objectives met	82.4%		90.5%	90.5%

* Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	72	184	16
Percent satisfied with learning environment	94.4%	88.5%	93.3%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	98.6%	91.2%	92.9%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	86.1%	90.1%	53.3%

*Only students at the highest high school grade level at this school and their parents were included.

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

The School Improvement Council (SIC) met during the 2007–2008 school year and evaluated school programs. The mission of the school is to offer each student interdisciplinary experiences that develop the student's intellectual, social, physical, creative, and technological potential in a safe environment. Blue Ridge High School continues to make every effort to provide the highest quality education for its students and to maintain high expectations of all its students. In collaboration with the faculty and staff, community, PTSA, Booster Clubs, and SIC, Blue Ridge High School makes every effort to provide the finest educational experience for students.

Improvement strategies have been developed and are ongoing. These efforts include a HSAP Plan for 9th and 10th graders, the offering of two HSAP courses for students that have not passed the test, and a rigorous academic program with broad course offerings. Eighty-eight percent of the 2008 graduating class enrolled in either a two-year or a four-year college. Our 217 graduates earned over 4 million dollars in scholarships for higher education. In addition to a strong academic program, Blue Ridge High School is well known for a strong athletic program and award-winning visual arts, chorus, and band programs. Blue Ridge High School, also, offered the first Release Time Bible course elective in the state.

Blue Ridge High School fosters a climate where learning must be shared by the home, school, and community. Exhibiting southern hospitality at its best, our community takes pride in its open and welcoming atmosphere. As the school's population has continued to grow, so has the cultural and ethnic diversity, thus, illustrating our commitment to educate students from all backgrounds.

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